

December 1, 2015

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Jerry Weiers, Glendale, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 12:00 noon  
Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As determined at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies are not allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view is always a part of the process.

For those attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Refreshments and a light luncheon will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, or Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council  
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
December 9, 2015**

|    |  | <u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u> |
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| 1. | <u>Call to Order</u>   |                                   |
| 2. | <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>  |                                   |
| 3. | <u>Call to the Audience</u><br><br>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. | 3. Information.                   |

**MINUTES**

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| 4. | <u>Approval of the September 16, 2015, Meeting Minutes</u> | 4. Review and approval of the September 16, 2015, meeting minutes. |
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**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

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| 5. | <u>FY 2016 Early Phase Input Opportunity Report</u><br><br>The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) conducts a four-phase public involvement process: Early Phase, Mid-Phase, Final Phase and Continuous Involvement. The FY 2016 Early Phase Input Opportunity was conducted from mid-August 2015 to early-September 2015 and provided the public with an opportunity to provide project suggestions in areas in which funding was available. These areas included bicycle-pedestrian, intelligent transportation systems, paving of unpaved dirt roads, PM-10 street sweepers, Pinal County arterial roadway projects that are in the MAG region, and the regional transit system. All of the project suggestions were forwarded to the appropriate MAG member agency for review and | 5. Information and discussion. |
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possible inclusion into a draft listing of projects that eventually make up the Draft FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). MAG received public comment at the MAG Regional Council during the phase. In addition, MAG also received comment via telephone and online correspondence as a result of a direct mailing to the MAG public involvement mail list and regional libraries. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. 2015 Annual Report on the Status of the Implementation of Proposition 400

Proposition 400 was approved by the voters of Maricopa County in November 2004, and authorized the extension of a half-cent sales tax for use on transportation projects in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. Arizona Revised Statute 28-6354 requires that MAG issue an annual report on projects included in Proposition 400, addressing factors such as project status, funding, and priorities. The 2015 Annual Report is the 11th report in the series and covers the status of the life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and public transit. A Summary of Findings and Issues is included in the attached material and the full report is available on the MAG website. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Update on the Auditor General's Report and Arizona Transportation Funding Options

In September 2015, the Office of the Auditor General provided a report to the Arizona Legislature titled "A Performance Audit of the Arizona Department of Transportation - Transportation Revenues." The Arizona Department of Transportation's primary sources of transportation revenues are federal highway funds and its share of the Arizona Highway User Revenue (HURF). Both of these funding sources rely primarily on fuel tax revenues that have not been raised since the early 1990s and have remained relatively flat since the 2000s. An update on critical points in the Auditor General's report, including the funding deficit, will be provided.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information, discussion and possible action.

8. Final Recommendations on the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization, Access Management Plan, and Systems Study (COMPASS)

The fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, amended by the MAG Regional Council in October 2011, directed study funds to provide for the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization, Access Management Plan, and System Study (COMPASS). The study was at the direction of the Mayors of El Mirage, Glendale, Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix, Surprise, and Youngtown, and former Maricopa County Supervisor Max Wilson, to preserve US-60/Grand Avenue as an expressway facility that remains a state highway under Arizona Department of Transportation control. Updates on the study's progress were reported to the Transportation Policy Committee in May 2013 and June 2014. The COMPASS project has now completed its process and identified a long-term solution for accommodating travel demand and adjacent property access in the corridor. Staff will report on the project's draft recommendations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. US-60/Grand Avenue at Bell Road Traffic Interchange Construction Project Update

The MAG Regional Transportation Plan identifies improving up to three locations along US-60/Grand Avenue between Loop 101/Agua Fria and Loop 303 Freeways. In 2008, the three locations chosen for improvement by the Transportation Policy Committee were the Bell Road, Thunderbird Road-Thompson Ranch Road, and 103rd Avenue intersections. Subsequent planning and programming have been completed for these intersections and a grade-separated traffic interchange was selected to facilitate movements between US-60 and Bell Road, as well as for overcrossing the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway that is adjacent to Grand Avenue. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is delivering the recommended grade separated traffic interchange and is presently selecting a design-build developer to begin construction in May 2016 with project completion by early 2017.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.

9. Information and discussion.

The Transportation Policy Committee will receive a project presentation highlighting the video traffic simulation analyses completed by MAG staff for ADOT and the City of Surprise to consider in their implementation of this new traffic interchange.

10. Regional Freeway and Highway Program Construction Project Update

The MAG Regional Transportation Plan identifies \$2.1 billion in construction projects between Fiscal Years 2016 and 2020, which will be the busiest period for implementing the Regional Freeway and Highway Program under Proposition 400. In this current fiscal year, projects have been identified for Interstate 10, Interstate 17, US-60/Grand Avenue, Loop 202, and Loop 303 for delivery by the Arizona Department of Transportation. Most of these projects are either presently or will be under construction. The Transportation Policy Committee will receive an update on all current and near-term construction efforts. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

12. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Transportation Policy Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

13. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Transportation Policy Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Transportation Policy Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Adjournment

10. Information and discussion.

11. Information, discussion, and possible action.

12. Information.

13. Information.